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**Close of the First Session of a Radical Parliament.**  
**Nothing of Consequence Accomplished—Much Cry and Little Wool.**  
**Why the Conservatives Feel Power, and What the Liberals Promised.**  
**The Financial, Railroad, and Electoral Questions—Trouble with the Silkworms.**

**AN AUTO-BIOGRAPHY.**  
Miss Martineau's Autobiographical Sketch. The announcement of the death of Miss Martineau, which occurred on the 23rd of June, was accompanied by a memoir which, written in the last days of her life, is a most interesting and valuable contribution to the history of the time. It is a most interesting and valuable contribution to the history of the time. It is a most interesting and valuable contribution to the history of the time.

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**THE FIRST RAILWAY IN CHINA.**  
**An Account of the One Just Finished—Some of the Obstacles Met With.**  
**The Moscow Press publishes a letter from its correspondent at Shanghai, dated March 27, in which an account is given of a railway, 11 English miles in length, which has just been finished, and now connects Shanghai with the Village of Nankin, on the coast of the Yangtze River.**

**THE BANK OF FRANCE.**  
**The Attack upon It by the Communists.**  
**Condition of the Bank when in the Hands of the Communists.**  
**How the Banking Company Came to Be Formed.**

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**The Growth of Its Population—Progress of City-Improvements.**  
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Some of the Noted People Who Are There--Increase of Western Visitors.

A Cool Sea-Breeze, and a Tumble in the Surf, the Acme of Enjoyment.

Hops at the Hotels--Music in the Air--The Beach-Drive.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TRIBUNE.

CAPE MAY, N. J., July 20.—The Philadelphia thermometer is an object of dread no less than of curiosity. It seems to be possessed of capacities for evil far beyond the reach of commonplace weather-forecasters of other cities, and mounts up beyond a hundred degrees every day with a facility that is truly astonishing and diabolical.

One by one the seekers after bodily ease yield to the inevitable, and scatter themselves in all directions toward the resorts where breezes blow and the atmosphere is milder. There probably never has been more summer travel than during this season; and yet, strange to say, those watering-places which have hitherto been so popular among the fashionable are not experiencing commensurate success.

At Saratoga, the hotel-proprietors are said to be in despair at the small number of visitors, and spend much of their time in wondering what has become of the gay fashionables who have been wont to throng their corridors and piazzas. If they did but argue from the right premises, they would not be long in finding the reason, or rather the variety of reasons, for the lack of patronage. But that is just what they cannot do.

LIVING IN SARATOGA, and having the establishments there, their interests, of course, are centered in the place; and they fail to realize that there can be other and equally as attractive resorts. The one attribute of fashion over all others is fickleness, and the impossibility of leading people to the same place year after year ought to be manifest. The whole secret of the decadence of Saratoga lies in the fact that people like to change. They seek out new places, and new places there are, just as much summer-travel as heretofore, but it is not concentrated at one central point. Hundreds of little villages and mountain-spring resorts have come forward within the last two or three years to claim their share of the fashionable patronage. In the West, not few of the wealthier families prefer a more extensive and less pleasurable tour in the East. For visitors also this year, more than ever before, breaking up into small parties, and wandering off into some one of the great up-country towns, or into the Adirondacks, or the Green Mountains.

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